

Know Your Child's Rights

- Students who are homeless have the right to attend school even if they don't have a permanent address.
- Students who are homeless have the right to attend school even if they don't have all the required documents.
- Students who are homeless have the right to attend school even when they find housing outside their original school district and need transportation to and from their original school.
- Students must be allowed to stay in the school they were attending before becoming homeless even if they move from place to place.
- The school district must provide transportation to and from the child's school if the parent wants the child to stay in their original school.
- Students cannot be treated differently from their peers just because of their residential status.
- Students who are homeless are entitled to free breakfast and lunch.
- Parents have a right to file a complaint if they feel their child is being kept out of school unfairly.
- Unaccompanied youth (not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian) have these same rights.

Are You Homeless or Doubling Up?

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Links for School-based
Services and Support
For Students And
Families Who Are
Displaced Or In
Transition

Definitions

A homeless student is one who fits one or more of the following descriptions:

- Does not have a permanent home
- Lives in motels, hotels, trailer parks or camping grounds
- Is in State custody, lives in cars, parks, public places, abandoned buildings, sub-standard buildings, or similar settings
- Shares housing of other persons due to the loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason
- Is considered an unaccompanied youth (youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian)

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